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## WAR TIMES

### WAR REMINISCENCES BY WAUCHULAITE.

(Continued From Last Week.)

General Hood was a brave, too brave and fearless to lead a small army contending with such fearful odds. We moved quietly on in a northwest direction without any further opposition from the enemy. We struck the line dividing Alabama and Tennessee General Hood placed directly over the line which we were traveling a flag which bore the following inscription in large black letters: "Grave or a Free Home." The first stop of any note was at Franklin, Tenn. Here General Hood learned there was a small regiment of U. S. infantry re-entering the country, making their way to Nashville, via Springfield, Franklin. On a turnpike early on the morning of November 29th 1864 General Hood led his army under a forced march to Springhill, a distance of about 15 miles in order to cut off General Thomas commanding the troops off from Nashville. We reached the turnpike road near Springhill late in the day. We learned that General Thomas had passed; here General Hood gave orders for captured Thomas and his army for we had possession of the turnpike road, the only route by which we could have passed. His army guard arrived about dark; our armies were now in pretty close quarters of each other. We plainly hear the officers' orders, "close up Company." Instead of ordering a surrender General Hood moved his army back a few hundred yards and allowed the enemy to pass on to Franklin, six miles distant. They had already strong fortifications built.

Next day, November 30, 2 p. m. General Hood moved his army to a new position in front of the enemy's demanded a surrender; General Thomas refused to comply and requested General Hood to give him six hours and he would move to Nashville in good order. The fearless and undaunted General preferring to risk his chances and orders to charge the enemy's army which was immediately ahead; our route lay across an open field with no protection from the enemy's bullet, we made our way under a heavy fire, until we reached the breastworks, which were the only mark that divided the blues and grays, continuing to fire until 2 o'clock next morning when General Thomas moved his army out and this way to Nashville leaving General Hood in possession of the field. But he or rather his army had paid dear for possession of it could not be termed a victory. I venture the assertion there never was a greater loss of men and blood during the whole war for the length of time and the army engaged as was at the battle of Franklin or Hood's later pen as it was claimed by the enemy. I could have easily walked a mile up and down the works and killed bodies. Here General Hood, better known in the army as Pat Cleburne, fell as he led the breastwork sword charge. He remarked to General

Hood a few minutes before we made the charge. "If I escape with life I shall hold you responsible for your action today." The enemy's loss here was light. After burying our dead we moved on to Nashville taking our position in front of the city where a strong force of federal troops were well fortified. Here General Hood and his army suffered another defeat the particulars of which will be given next week.

WAUCHULAITE.  
February 14.  
(To be continued.)

### An Ideal Irrigating Plant.

It was our pleasure this week to examine the new engine and pump just installed at W. O. Ralls tangerine grove in the west side of town.

The engine is a 7 1/2 horsepower Hagan horizontal, throttling gasoline engine, which is a thing of beauty and a joy forever. But it is in the capabilities of this machine that its real beauty lies. It runs as steadily and smoothly as the most perfect steam engine, has a positive governor and speed control which will give any desired speed by the simple adjustment of a convenient thumb-screw. The engine is equipped with automatic sparkers, which saves electric batteries, and may be started in ten seconds' time.

Connected to this engine by a belt is a rotary pump which draws its water from an artesian well and pumps it either throughout the grove or into a convenient tank.

J. P. Campbell, representing the Southern Machinery and Supply Co., of Jacksonville installed this engine and pump this week. He has also sold irrigating machinery to several other prominent grove owners near Arcadia.

We are glad to see this for an efficient irrigating plant makes oranges almost a certain crop.

When it comes to convenience and economy there is no power equal to gasoline and the Hagan engine one of the best made.

### Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst and from his family, our beloved brother, Thos. J. Lawton, and whereas, by his death our Masonic Fraternity has lost a useful and faithful member, the community a kind friend, the State a true and loyal citizen and his family a devoted husband and father.

Be it therefore resolved, That we as Masons, do hereby express our sympathy to all who mourn his loss, and particularly to his family in this time of bereavement.

Be it further resolved, That we commend the widow and children to God, who is able to comfort in the hour of deepest gloom.

It is further resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our Lodge, and that a copy of them be sent to the bereaved family. Signed.

W. H. SIMMONS  
H. E. CARLTON  
Committee.

### Will be a Candidate.

Jas. A. Hendry, who made such a fine race for treasurer in the last campaign will be a candidate for the same position in the coming campaign. He is in every way well fitted to fill the office acceptably.

## OUR NEIGHBORS

### INTERESTING NEWS OF NEARBY COMMUNITIES.

#### Bunker Talk.

T. L. Bates is fixing to set out a ten acre orange grove.

We are having plenty of rain now and some cool weather.

John F. Bates has just finished setting out his place in nice orange trees.

Mrs. J. F. M. Tippet is very sick now and has been for some time.

Henry Futch has just finished setting out a nice bean patch for the northern markets.

Miss Pearl Miller, of Owens, has been spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. John F. Bates.

John M. Bates has just had him a fine dwelling put up and there are four more new houses going up soon.

The young people of Bunker had a candy stew at William Steward's and everybody reported a nice time.

It Bunker keeps building up it will be a large city some time before long. FLAP JACK.

#### Snap Shots From Lily.

Considerable orange bloom is beginning to show.

Miss Missouri Gause made a flying visit to Pine Level on last Friday returning Sunday.

We are still receiving heavy rains. The ponds are all full. The water courses are all full.

Among the visitors from Gardner on last Sunday were Mrs. V. O. Fussell, Misses Clifford Albritton and Pearl Coker.

Bro. Jas. H. Owens preached a most excellent sermon at the Methodist church on last Sunday to a large congregation.

Attended by his four by nine smile while talking to any of the fair sex, Will Whidden, of Horse Creek, was here on last Sunday.

Hon. F. B. Hagan, of Pine Level, was up last Thursday and again Monday purchasing orange and grapefruit trees of the Excelsior nurseries.

Orin Mizell, of Pine Level, was here last Friday buying orange trees for his brother, D. W. Mizell. The trees were obtained of the Excelsior nurseries of this place.

On next Thursday and Friday the tax payers, of Lily, will swear away nearly all they have. The tax assessor is advertised to be here. KODAK.

Lily, Fla., 2 13, 1906.

### Social Arcadia.

#### LADIES' MUSICAL CLUB.

The Ladies' Musicales Club met Friday, February 9th, at the home of Mrs. J. N. Hollingsworth; every member being present. At this meeting it was voted that the L. M. Club join the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs. After the business session the following program was rendered: Piano, "La Fledgling," A. Wellesby. Mrs. Perry C. Brown. Piano, "Three Sonatas," Beethoven. Mrs. T. B. King. Piano, "Apple Blossoms," Roberts. Mrs. E. A. Houstoun. Song, "Good Night, Little Girl, Good Night," J. C. Macy. Mrs. D. J. McSwain.

Piano, "Century March," Burghheim. Mrs. W. H. Seward. Piano, "Maidens Prayers," Badarzenaka. Mrs. R. E. Brown. Piano, "Star of the Sea," Kennedy. Mrs. C. Hayman. Piano, "Heirneve," Mrs. Mitchell.

After the program, Mrs. Hollingsworth entertained the Club with "The Wedding of the Operas." The prize was won by Mrs. J. H. Treadwell, "Waltz Caprice" by Chaminade. The guests were served with delicious refreshments, and each member presented with a bouquet of violets. All went away happy thanking Mrs. Hollingsworth for a very pleasant afternoon.

#### OWL CLUB.

The most delightful event of the season was the entertainment of the Owl Club at the Arcadia House, Thursday night, February 8th, 1906 by Harry L. Bethel.

Those present were: Madames, Holcomb, J. G. King, T. B. King, Goldsmith, Minnie Smith, Peters, Richards, Fitz, Gates, Geo. Parker, E. D. Treadwell, Kern, R. A. Brown.

Misses, Hollingsworth, Dowd, Simmons, Bunker, Pooser, Roe, Elizabeth and Mary Steele Ewing. Messers, E. Blood, F. B. Smith, E. T. Smith, E. D. Treadwell, N. M. Sauls, W. F. Fagan, W. E. Bryan, Goldsmith, Colonel Wailes, R. E. Brown, T. B. King, J. Vatenberg, Geo. R. Parker, H. L. Carlton and Wm. Hooker.

H. Bethel kept tally of the odd tricks the one getting the highest number of tricks to get first prize.

Mrs. J. F. Richards and Miss Dowd cut for first prize Mrs. Richards being the lucky one carried off first prize. The gentleman's prize, a silver mounted clothes brush being carried off by W. F. Fagan; E. T. Smith very reluctantly took the consolation which was a cork screw.

We were then served with elegant refreshments, salad course and waffles, then delicious strawberry cream, cakes and coffee.

R. E. Brown gave a vote of thanks in behalf of the Owl Club to H. Bethel for his kindness to the Club.

#### PROGRAM FORTNIGHTLY LITERARY.

Meeting to be held at home of C. C. Chollar, Friday, February 23rd, 1906.

Current Events. J. J. Swearingen. J. G. Whittier, Life from 1807-'35. Mrs. C. H. Smith. Life from 1835-'50. Miss Sweet. Life from 1850-'92. Pierce DePass. Song, Selected. Mrs. D. L. McSwain. Principal Poems and circumstances under which written. John W. Burton. Reminiscences. Miss Beulah Hollingsworth. Music. Miss Fuls. Snow Bound. C. C. Chollar. Poem, Selected. Miss M. S. Ewing. Song, Selected. Mrs. W. H. Seward.

#### COMING MINSTREL.

Arcadia is to be favored with a home talent minstrel performance in the Opera House on the night of Feb. 27, '06.

The program is strictly first class in every particular, consisting of jokes, comic and coon songs, ballads. (Continued on Next Page.)

## COUNTY BOARDS

### MINUTES OF THEIR FEBRUARY MEETINGS.

#### THE SCHOOL BOARD.

Arcadia, Fla., Feb. 6, 1906.

The Board of Public Instruction met in regular session. Members present: William P. Marshall, T. R. Stark and Joseph H. Brown. Minutes read and approved.

H. M. Craft, trustee of the Popash district No. 4, having moved out of the district, the patrons and citizens presented a petition recommending the appointment of W. J. Wingate to fill the unexpired term, who was appointed and commissioned.

M. S. Stevens, of Nocatee district No. 6, having resigned, the citizens recommended B. F. Welles, who was appointed and commissioned to fill the unexpired term.

Election returns were received from the following districts and results declared as follows:

Bowling Green Special School Tax District No. 10 boundaries extended so as to read as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of township 33 south of range 25 east and running south four miles to southeast corner of section 25, township and range aforesaid; thence west six miles to southwest corner of section 19; thence north four miles to northwest corner of section 6; thence east six miles to northeast corner of township and range aforesaid to place of beginning.

Spring Valley Special School Tax District No. 15 established with boundaries as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of township 34 south of range 30 east and running west to northwest corner of township 34 south, range 28 east, thence south to southwest corner of township 34 south of range 28 east; thence east one mile; thence south one mile; thence west one mile to southwest corner of section 6, township 35, range 28; thence south to southwest corner of section 19, township 36 of range 28 east; thence east to southeast corner of section 24, same township and range; thence north to southwest corner of section 18, township 35 south of range 29 east; thence east to southeast corner of section 13, township 35 south of range 30 east; thence north to northeast corner of township 34 south of range 30 east to place of beginning.

Trustees elected: George T. B. Christopher, T. N. Crews and J. B. Hudson.

Number of mills to be assessed for two years—3.

Spring Hill Special School Tax District No. 4 established with boundaries as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of section 4, township 35 south, range 27 east, and running south to southeast corner of section 16, same township and range; thence west to southwest corner of section 16, township 35 south of range 26 east; thence north to northwest corner of section 4.

The Ft. Ogden citizens having failed to hold a special election for the purpose of establishing a special tax district, the election was reordered to be held on Saturday, March 3rd, 1906, and notice of election published in the DeSoto. (Continued on Next Page.)